

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-8 (Cancelled).

9. (Previously presented) A composition of the formulae:

5 (a)  $H-F_m-O-(CR_2)_2-S_n-(CR_2)_2-O-H$ ; or  
(b)  $H-O-A-O-(CR_2)_2-S_n-(CR_2)_2-F'_{(m+1)}-O-A-O-H$ ,

wherein

C, O, H and S have their normal meaning of carbon, oxygen, hydrogen and sulfur;

n is at least 2 and not more than about 8;

10 F is of the formula  $-O-(CH_2)_2-S_n-(CH_2)_2-O-A-$ ;

$F'$  is of the formula  $-O-A-O-(CH_2)_2-S_n-(CH_2)_2-$ ;

m is at least 1; and

A is a fatty acid dimer residue, which includes carbonyl groups.

15 Claims 10-21. (Cancelled)

22. (Previously presented) A composition of the formula:

(a)  $H-F_m-O-(CH_2)_2-S_n-(CH_2)_2-O-H$ ; or  
(b)  $H-Z-A-O-(CH_2)_2-S_n-(CH_2)_2-F'_{(m+1)}-O-A-Z^1-H$ ,

20 wherein

C, O, H and S have their normal meaning of carbon, oxygen and sulfur;

n is at least 2 and not more than about 8;

F is of the formula  $-O-(CH_2)_2-S_n-(CH_2)_2-O-A-$ ;

$F^l$  is of the formula  $-\text{O}-\text{A}-\text{O}-(\text{CH}_2)_2-\text{S}_n-(\text{CH}_2)_2-$ ;

$m$  is at least 1;

$Z$  and  $Z^l$  are the same or different and are oxy or amino; and

$A$  is a fatty acid dimer residue.

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Claims 23-27. (Cancelled).